

What is claimed is:

1. An anonymous fingerprinting method using a bilinear Diffie-Hellman problem, in a fingerprints embedment system  
5 that includes three participants, comprising the steps of:

(a) introducing system parameters shared by a first and a second participant, storing the system parameters in a memory of each of the first and the second participant and generating a public key and a secret key of the first  
10 participant;

(b) registering information on the first participant to a third participant based on the system parameters and the public and the secret key of the first participant, wherein the third participant issues a certificate based on  
15 the information on the first participant;

(c) at the second participant, authenticating a fairness of the first participant based on the certificate;

(d) embedding fingerprints into a digital content to be bought by the first participant; and

20 (e) when an illegal duplicate of the digital content or an illegally redistributed duplicate is found, identifying a traitor, who illegally duplicates the digital content or redistributes the illegally duplicated digital content, with the first participant based on the  
25 fingerprints embedded in the digital content.

2. The method of claim 1, wherein the step (a) includes the steps of:

(a1) generating  $G_1$  and  $G_2$ , wherein  $G_1$  is an elliptic curve group and  $G_2$  is a cyclic multiplicative group;

5 (a2) taking a generator  $P$  out of the cyclic multiplicative group  $G_2$ ;

(a3) calculating a bilinear map  $e$  on the groups  $G_1$  and  $G_2$  as follows:

$$e: G_1 \times G_1 \rightarrow G_2$$

10 (a4) storing the system parameters in a storage medium of the third participant and opening the system parameters so that the first and the second participant can use them, wherein the system parameters has  $G_1$ ,  $G_2$  and  $P$ ;

15 (a5) selecting a secret key of the first participant out of  $G_2$ , wherein the secret key of the first participant is formed of  $s_1$ ,  $s_2$  and  $s_3$ ; and

(a6) calculating a public key  $y_B$  of the first participant as follows:

$$y_B = e(P, P)^{s_1 s_2 s_3}.$$

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3. The method of claim 2, wherein the step (b) includes the steps of:

(b1) generating a random value  $x_R$  corresponding to  $G_2$ ;

(b2) calculating a confidential value  $T_R$  as follows:

25  $T_R = x_R P$

and sending the confidential value  $T_R$  to the first

participant;

(b3) calculating pseudonym keys X and Y of the first participant as follows:

$$X = s_1 s_2 P$$

5                    $Y = s_1 s_2 s_3 P + T_R;$

(b4) verifying validity of X and Y as follows:

$$e(Y, P) = y_B \cdot e(P, T_R);$$

(b5) calculating T as follows:

$$T = e(X, T_R)$$

10 and storing T in a memory of the third participant, wherein T is an intermediate value for judging whether or not the first participant is an owner of a secret key corresponding to the pseudonym keys X and Y;

15 (b6) issuing the certificate, which proves a fairness of the first participant to the second participant, and delivering the certificate to the first participant; and

(b7) at the first participant, calculating T' as follows:

$$T' = e(X, T_R)$$

20 and viewing (Y, T') as a pseudonym pair to safely store the pseudonym pair in a memory of the first participant, wherein T' is a value for notifying that the first participant is an owner of the secret key corresponding to X and Y.

25 4. The method of claim 3, wherein the step (c) includes the steps of:

(c1) sending the pseudonym pair and text to the second participant, wherein the text represents normal information about a digital content to be fingerprinted;

5 (c2) selecting a random value  $k$  out of  $G_2$  to generate a B-DH signature  $Sig$  for the text, as follows:

$Sig = sign(text, s_1, s_2, s_3, x_R, k)$ ; and

(c3) verifying validity of the certificate and storing  $T'$  and the certificate as a purchase record of the first participant in a memory of the second participant.

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5. The method of claim 4, wherein the step (d) includes the steps of:

15 (d1) at the first participant, sending  $x_R$ ,  $Sig$ ,  $s_1$ ,  $s_2$  and the certificate to the second participant and, at the second participant, presenting  $T'$ ,  $Y$ ,  $em$  and the text to the first participant, wherein  $em$  denotes the digital content to be fingerprinted;

(d2) generating a specific value  $val_1$  as follows:

$val_1 = Verify_1(text, sig, Y)$

20 wherein  $val_1$  is a Boolean variable to be seen by the second participant when verification of  $Sig$  is completed;

(d3) generating a particular value  $val_2$  as follows:

$val_2 = Verify_2(Y|x_R, s_1, s_2, x_R, T)$

25 wherein  $val_2$  is a Boolean variable to be seen by the second participant when the certificate and  $Sig$  are respectively verified;

(d4) generating emb as follows:

$emb = text \mid Sig \mid Y \mid Cert(Y|x_R) \mid s_1 \mid s_2 \mid x_R \mid T'$

and storing emb in a memory of the second participant, wherein  
emb represents fingerprints to be embedded into the digital  
content em; and

(d5) obtaining a fingerprinted digital content  $em^*$  as  
follows:

$em^* = Fing(em, emb).$

10 6. The method of claim 5, wherein the step (e) includes  
the steps of:

(e1) verifying validity of Sig for the text as  
follows:

$T'' = e(s_1s_2P, x_RP)$

15 wherein  $T''$  is a value for checking whether the first  
participant is an owner of a secret key corresponding to the  
pseudonym key  $Y'$ ; and

(e2) determining an owner of the pseudonym key  $Y'$  to  
be the traitor if the pseudonym key  $Y'$  is given as follows:

20  $e(Y', P) = y_B \cdot e(P, P) x_R.$

7. An anonymous fingerprinting apparatus using a bilinear  
Diffie-Hellman problem, comprising:

a registration authority;  
25 a buyer; and  
a merchant,

wherein the apparatus performs the steps of:

introducing system parameters shared by a first and a second participant, storing the system parameters in a memory of each of the first and the second participant and  
5 generating a public key and a secret key of each of the first and the second participant;

registering information on the first participant to a third participant based on the system parameters and the public and the secret key of the first participant, wherein  
10 the third participant issues a certificate based on the information of the first participant;

at the second participant, authenticating a fairness of the first participant based on the certificate;

embedding fingerprints into a digital content to be  
15 bought by the first participant; and

when an illegal duplicate of the digital content or an illegally redistributed duplicate is found, identifying a traitor, who illegally duplicates the digital content or redistributes the illegally duplicated digital content, with  
20 the first participant.